

DROUGHT SURVIVAL TOOLS

FOR YOUR YARD

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I find free mulch?

You will not be able to get a rebate for the mulch (\$40). However, you can use free mulch and still be eligible for the \$60 bonus as long as you prove you installed the minimum amount of mulch and you complete the two other drought survival tools.

Why must it be “core” aeration and not “spike” aeration?

Spike aeration does not loosen the soil to allow root growth and water to fill the voids. In fact, spike aeration done during wet conditions can actually compact the soil. Core aeration takes out small cores to allow for the intake of water and nutrients that your lawn needs.

Can my neighbor and I both apply for a rebate if we both meet the qualifications but purchase everything together?

What we are looking for is that you purchased the minimum amount of compost, mulch, and/or core aeration service and that you have photo documentation that you installed the minimum amounts on your property. Sometimes buying in bulk will result in a lower material cost.

Is there strict testing on compost? I have never used it before.

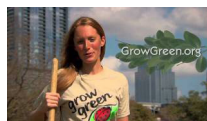
Those concerned about the safety of spreading compost on their lawn and putting it in their plant beds should know about the US Composting Council – Seal of Testing Assurance: www.compostingcouncil.org/seal-of-testing-assurance/

Most suppliers will put an STA stamp on their bags of compost to assure the public that their product has been tested to the highest standards.

What can I do with compost?

You can till it into the soil when planting new plants or work it into the soil of existing beds. But one of the best and often overlooked uses of compost involves your lawn. Compost is an organic material that acts as a slow release fertilizer and hangs onto moisture. Spread ¼” to ½” of compost over your lawn sometime this spring and you’ll increase soil health while avoiding toxic fertilizers.

I’m worried about my trees during the drought. How do I properly mulch them?



This video gives information on how to properly mulch trees by grow green. www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLdbdQ9fVZE



Mulch



Compost



Lawn Aeration